



Food Wholesale & Distribution Licensing Guide

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is devoted to the total support of agriculture in Kansas. While we must fulfill our statutory obligations, the department is dedicated to providing support and assistance to make Kansas farms, ranches and agribusinesses successful and help them grow if that is their desire. We also encourage more farms, ranches and other agriculture business to expand in or relocate to Kansas. This checklist will help guide you through various resources and requirements for opening and operating a typical Kansas food wholesale company. In addition to license requirements by the Kansas Department of Agriculture, other Kansas agencies as well as local or federal government agencies may have regulatory requirements to follow. Contact your local planning authority to ensure you follow all local business development laws, rules, regulations and guidelines. This guide is designed to assist you as you work to build and operate a successful food wholesale company in Kansas.

✓	Department	Description	Renewal
	Kansas Small Business Development Center (KSBDC)*	The KSBDC is a network of service centers located throughout Kansas offering business consulting to small businesses. Call 800-452-6727 for more information.	Prior to starting
	Kansas Business Center*	The Kansas Business Center is a resource for information, filings, and personal assistance to start or maintain a Kansas business. Call 877-521-8600 for more details.	Prior to starting
	Office of the Secretary of State	Complete the appropriate filings and forms for a business entity required by the Kansas Secretary of State. Call 785-296-4564 for more information.	Prior to starting
	Department of Revenue	Visit the Department of Revenue website to find important business tax information . Call 785-368-8222 for more information.	Prior to starting
	Department of Agriculture, Food Safety & Lodging	Complete the Food Processing and Storage License application. Egg distributors and last handlers of eggs should apply for the Egg Distributor or Last Handler license. Contact Food Safety and Lodging at 785-564-6767 or FSL@kda.ks.gov for more information.	Prior to opening, April 1
	Department of Agriculture, Meat & Poultry Inspection	Complete the Meat and Poultry Inspection Registration application and the Wholesale Supplement. Also, review the Wholesale guidelines. Consult the Meat & Poultry Inspection website, or call 785-564-6776.	Prior to opening, Annually
	Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures	No license is needed from Weights and Measures, but a food wholesale & distribution facility with scales must hire a licensed service company to test the scales once annually if the scales are utilized for any commercial transaction. Visit the Weights & Measures website for more information, or call 785-564-6683.	Annual service

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This guide is for informational purposes only. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of requirements for operating a Kansas agribusiness entity. Please contact the appropriate agencies or organizations for specific requirements applicable to your business.

** Indicates that the information listed is merely a useful resource and not a requirement for operating the business*

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